

SUBJECT No. 135.

Increased concessions to
maidan ryots for taking
timber, etc.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya,
Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Certain privileges have been shown to the ryots in the malnad for removing wood, etc., for agricultural purposes. There is abundance of growth of wood in the malnad both in the ryots' holdings and in coffee estates while it is very sparse in the maidan parts. The same concession may be extended to the ryots of the maidan at least in places which adjoin State forests and Amrut Mahal Kavals.

— If this cannot be done, the malnad ryots' rules may be extended to the whole of the Manjarabad Taluk and one hobli of the Belur Taluk, which really are malnad.

Reply of Government.—The Malnad ryots' rules cannot be extended to the maidan. The inclusion in the malnad tracts of the hoblis of Saklespur and K. Hoskote of the Manjarabad Taluk and the Arehalli hobli of the Belur Taluk will be favorably considered.

SUBJECT No. 136.

Free removal of thorny
plants from the district
forests.

Mr. Venkatsamaiya, Chamrajnagar
Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Permission may be granted to remove thorny plants from district forests free of cost for hedging sugar-cane and other fields.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Traction engine.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shi-
moga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Government may be pleased to state :—

(1) What was paid for the traction engine used in the Shimoga District for carrying timber from the forest to the railway station ?

(2) How much of timber was carried by it during the last year ?

(3) What is the cost of carrying timber per cubic foot by the engine as compared with the cost of carrying timber by means of country carts ?

(4) How much was spent in repairing the roads on this account ?

Reply of Government.—The cost of the traction engine was Rs. 19,306. It has not had a proper trial yet as it has been at work for only a short time. It is believed that the working cost will amount to about one-third of the cost of transport of timber by carts.

FINANCIAL.

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SUBJECT No. 138.

Amendment of the Savings
Bank Rule.

Messrs. Devoji Rao and A. Ram-
anna, Yedatore Taluk; and M. C.
Ranga Iyengar, Mysore City
Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The rule which requires no heirship certificate for withdrawals of deposits of less than Rs. 1,000 in the Government Savings Bank may be extended to all Savings Bank deposits irrespective of the amount.